

**Minutes  
Board of Health Meeting  
Chelan-Douglas Health District  
November 18, 2019**

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner and Board of Health Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner  
John Alt, Mayor, City of Entiat  
Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council  
Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner  
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council  
Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner  
Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council  
Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director  
Dr. Francis Collins, Health Officer  
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services  
Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services  
Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator  
Lorena Orozco, Chief Deputy Registrar, Fiscal Assistant, Board Secretary

**Public Present:**

Stephanie Snitily, Chelan-Douglas Health District  
Rob Eastman, Chelan-Douglas Health District

**Consent Agenda**

**Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the October, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, October Payroll in the amount of \$226,822.42, October Benefits in the amount of \$81,086.25, and the approval of payment of 2019 Vouchers No. 2019-0667 to 2019-0742 in the amount of \$75,175.90. Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

### **Program Update**

**Barry Kling**, Administrator, introduced Joyous Van Meter, Regional Epidemiologist. Barry stated that Joyous was previously working at the Center for Disease Control where she was involved in very important projects such as the response to the Zika situation and the vaping crisis. The Board members also went around and quickly introduced themselves to Joyous.

**Joyous Van Meter**, Regional Epidemiologist, provided an update on vaping. She passed around a packet regarding EVALI, which stands for E-cigarette, or Vaping, product use Associated Lung Injury, formerly known as Lung Injury or Vaping Injury. Joyous stated that the first cases investigated were in Illinois and Wisconsin in July of this year. She reported that the Center for Disease Control activated the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) on September 16 to enhance the response to the current investigation on vaping-related illnesses. Washington also declared a state of emergency. Joyous stated that there have been 2,172 cases of EVALI reported to CDC in the United States and 42 deaths. She also reported that 70% of cases are male and the median age is 24. She stated that 86% of the respondents reported using THC products, 34% reported that they exclusively vaped THC products and 64% reported using nicotine products, with 11% reported that they only used nicotine products. Joyous reviewed a chart that was included in the packet that showed the EPI curve illustrating the timeline involved. She stated that there has been a recent decline in cases, but it is unknown if it is due to an actual drop in cases or just reporting lag. She stated that about half the states are seeing a decline in cases, while the other half is saying that it is steady. Joyous also included a map that illustrated the case count per state. She reported that all of the states have reported cases except Alaska. She also reported that Washington has reported 15 cases and zero deaths. She stated that the CDC and FDA (Food and Drug Administration) have been testing sample products. The FDA received more than 1,000 samples and 76% contained vitamin E acetate, which could be the cause of lung-related injuries due to vaping. She stated that while it appears that vitamin E acetate is associated with EVALI, there is not enough evidence to rule-out contribution of other chemicals of concern to EVALI. She also stated that many different substances and product sources are still under investigation, and it may be that there is more than one cause to this outbreak.

### **Board Discussion**

**None**



### **Public Comment**

**None**

### **New Business**

**Dan Sutton**, Douglas County Commissioner, had a question regarding the status on the Bridgeport Landfill site. He asked when they would be able to start the final closure process on the landfill site.

**Barry Kling**, Administrator, stated that he would find out the status on ending post-closure to the Bridgeport Landfill site and report back to the Board as soon as he had more information.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Kandis Boersema**, Associate Administrator of Fiscal and Support Services, presented the 2020 preliminary budget report for review. No changes were made from the last time she presented the budget. She went over the updates and the new positions that management is proposing with the Board and answered questions. This is considered the first reading of the budget.

**Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to consider this a first reading of the matter. Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

### **Reports**

**Kandis Boersema**, Associate Administrator of Fiscal and Support Services, reported that through October 2019, 83% of the year completed, the revenue was 74% of budget and expenses were 81% of budget. She explained that revenue is low in comparison to the budget because the majority of the fee-for-service revenue for the Food Safety Program is collected at year-end during the permit renewal process.

Kandis also stated that the State Auditor's office published the audit report and she will be emailing the link to the Board members for review.

**Carol McCormick**, Associate Administrator for Personal Health, provided a newsletter created by Stephanie Snitily BSN. She stated that influenza is still below baseline. Carol stated that WIC approved the budget for a peer breastfeeding counselor and approved for Ana Macias, who is currently a WIC clerk, to provide 8 hours a week of peer breastfeeding counseling. Carol

also provided an update of the TB patient who has recently moved out of state. All the case contacts have been cleared of Tuberculosis, except for a 4-year-old child whose chest x-ray showed a nodule. Carol also gave a brief update on the Hepatitis A outreach. She reported that they are still going to the jail and will continue to go on a regular basis. They are also scheduled to go to one of the shelters in the area to provide Hepatitis A vaccines.

**Dan Sutton**, Douglas County Commissioner, stated that he was at a solid waste advisory board meeting and raised a concern about elevated lead levels in the soil. He stated that the health board representative informed him that there is in fact, elevated lead levels in the soil in our area. **Barry Kling**, Administrator and Environmental Health Director, reported that although we have had cases with children that have tested positive for lead, there is not enough evidence to prove that the elevated lead levels in the soil is what is effecting the children. He stated that in the cases for which we have established a source, it has not been soil. **Jill Thompson**, Waterville City Council, asked what the screening requirements are for lead testing. Carol stated that it is a requirement for all children receiving Medicaid be screened for lead, but it is done very sporadically. Barry added that one way to find if there is an issue with high lead levels is to work together with physicians and Medicaid to enforce lead screenings. Although, that would only consist of Medicaid recipients and not the whole population, it would be a much better approach than what we have now.

**Veronica Farias**, Health Communications Coordinator, provided an update on the community outreach events. Veronica stated that she is doing a presentation on proper handwashing at Mission View Elementary next Monday. She presented the Germ City display, which demonstrates via UV light, how many germs are still on our hands after washing them. She stated that the Community Health Needs Assessment is finished and it should be published soon. Veronica also shared about her duties as Public Information Officer. She stated that she hosts quarterly meetings with other PIOs, where they share resources and training opportunities. These meetings allow her to stay updated and connected with other agencies. Veronica also provided social media analytics in her report.

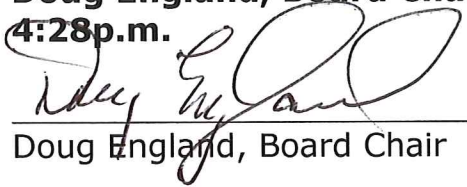
**Barry Kling**, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, gave a brief update on the Land Use/Onsite and Food programs. He stated that the Land Use/Onsite program has seen somewhat fewer cases than previous years, but they are still doing a fair amount of business. The Food program is doing very well and running about the same as last year. Barry also wanted to mention that Anthony Chen, the Administrator at Tacoma-Pierce Health Department, invited him to attend a meeting with Congresswomen Shrier in

Pierce County on November 25. He stated that she is interested in meeting with local health officials.

**Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner and Board Chair, made a motion to go into a Closed Session. Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**The Closed Session was adjourned at 4:28 pm.**

**Doug England, Board Chair, adjourned the regular meeting at 4:28p.m.**



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